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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Chiefs, Field Bureaus
FROM : Chief, FBIB
SUBJECT: Recheck of Broadcast Figures

1. Standard procedure of the BBC Monitoring Service provides for an independent check by a second monitor of all important figures in broadcast text. The BBC has found this practice almost indispensable to the reliability of its reports.

2. Increased dependence upon FBIB material on the part of consumer offices and sharpened emphasis upon monitored economic data make it desirable that FBIB adopt a similar protective procedure. Considerations in devising such a standard routine include the following:

a. It is not desirable that copy be delayed pending recheck of figures, but that later corrections be cabled when errors are discovered.

b. It would be of advantage that the recheck cover possible figure errors in teletyping as well as in monitoring, but it may not be possible in most cases for the checking monitor to check against sent teletype copy, rather than original monitor's flimsy, without undue expenditure of time for locating recordings and sent copy.

c. In the case of material in languages for which only one monitor is on duty during a 24-hour period, rechecking must be done by the original monitor.

d. It is desirable that the checking procedure be applied to figures in Morse code as well as in voice material.

3. Your recommendations are requested.



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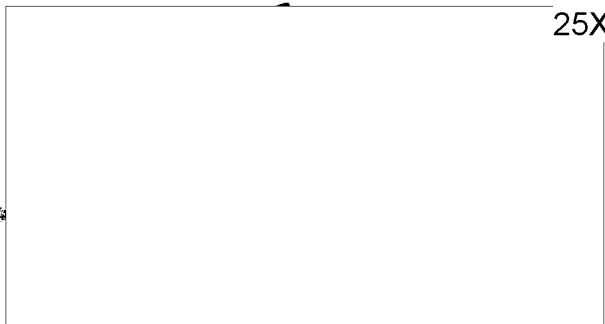
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